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The head of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, today challenged the rival National Education association to open its books in a controversy involving central intelligence agency funds.

Charles Cogen, president of the 130,000-member AFT, charged that an NEA-dominated organization has received more than a million dollars from the CIA.

Cogen said he objects to the secret use of CIA funds by a private organization.

"American teachers have a right to know what is going on within the NEA," Cogen said.

Officials of the NEA, which has 985,000 members, have refused to comment.

Cogen said he believes the CIA has the facilities within the government, including the department of health, education and welfare and the state department, to carry out its programs without having to rely in the NEA.

"It is highly improper for an educational organization that sends educators abroad . . . to receive funds for what we know not," Cogen said.

Cogen said he sent a telegram today to William G. Carr, who resigned last week as N. E. A. executive secretary, asking him to submit N. E. A. books to an audit by an impartial commission.

The AFT books also would be open for inspection, said Cogen.